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TESTIMONY OF SUE A. COUSINEAU - April 10, 2015

Senator Coleman, Rep. Tong, and Members of the Committee:

I am an attorney in private practice. I write in support of the re-appointment of Chief Justice Rogers. From the beginning of her term as Chief Justice, Justice Rogers has been diligent regarding her goal of improving transparency in and accessibility to the Courts for the benefit of the public. Under her tenure, Connecticut has become a leader in providing accessibility to the Court System for self represented litigants. The resources for self represented litigants on the Judicial Branch's web site allow a self represented litigant to easily file documents necessary to proceed in Court. Additionally, there are video tutorials which demonstrate how to fill out certain forms, links to helpful publications and multi-lingual assistance. In every courthouse I have been in, there is a court service center which provides staff to assist self represented parties, computers, scanners and copying services. These services are free of charge for the self represented parties.

I can't imagine that any other Chief Justice could have done more to fulfill Justice Roger's vision of openness and accessibility to the court for the benefit of the public

I ask you to support her re-appointment.

Sincerely,

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